

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Dick Bronson and urging the Indiana department of transportation to name the bridge over Wildcat Creek on State Road 22 in Howard County the Dick Bronson Memorial Bridge.

**Buck, Turner, McClain, Herrell,
Friend**

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, Dick Bronson died of a heart attack, July 7, 2002, in St. Joseph Hospital and Health Center in Kokomo, Indiana, bringing an end to a truly remarkable life;

Whereas, Dick Bronson loved Kokomo and its citizens and celebrated his love of life to the fullest each day, sharing his happiness and touching the lives of everyone he met;

Whereas, Dick Bronson was born November 2, 1941, to Chalmer and Florence Brunnmer Bronson in Burlington, Indiana;

Whereas, Dick Bronson held many different jobs in his life, including grocery store manager, factory worker, sign painter, truck and school bus driver, restaurant owner, cook, gun runner, pool hall owner, and salesman;

Whereas, In 1969, Dick Bronson began a new career that lasted for the rest of his life: working at radio station WWKI in his beloved Kokomo;

Whereas, While at WWKI, Dick served as a disc jockey for more than 15 years and was co-host of a morning talk show known as "The Male Call" for more than 30 years;

Whereas, Dick Bronson shared the microphone on the



morning talk show with Charlie Cropper;

Whereas, Dick Bronson had a huge impact on the people of Kokomo in many ways, but none more than when, in 1973, he helped start the We Care program;

Whereas, The We Care program is a Christmas charity that has helped raise over \$8 million in nearly three decades; Jan Buechler has served and continues to serve as the coordinator of We Care;

Whereas, The idea for the We Care program was given to Dick by a caller to his morning radio talk show who had no money to pay his bills or feed his children;

Whereas, Dick Bronson offered this gentleman half the money that was in his wallet and then asked the community for donations. It was this incident served as the motivation for the establishment of the We Care program;

Whereas, In addition to his services on the We Care board of directors, Dick Bronson served on the Crisis Center board, Red Cross board, Automotive Museum board, and the Red Cross Blood Transfer; Dick was never too busy or too tired to come to the aid of someone in need; and

Whereas, Dick Bronson was a tireless promoter for the Kokomo community and never was too busy to help the members of his beloved Kokomo. Dick Bronson was truly a patriot's patriot whose passing has left a void in our hearts and our community that may never be filled: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to express
- 2 its sincerest condolences to the family of Dick Bronson and to express
- 3 its gratitude for the many contributions Mr. Bronson made to enrich the
- 4 lives of his family, friends, and the citizens of Indiana. Mr. Bronson
- 5 will be missed.
- 6 SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the Indiana



1 department of transportation to name the bridge over Wildcat Creek on
2 State Road 22 in Howard County the Dick Bronson Memorial Bridge.
3 SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
4 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of
5 Dick Bronson and the commissioner of the Indiana department of
6 transportation.

